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Mr. Robert F. McKensie

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Dear Mr. McKensie:

Mr. Dulles has asked me to thank you very much for your letter of 2 July.

We appreciate having the benefit of your comments and it was considerate of you to write to us.

Sincerely,

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Assistant to the Director

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July 2, 1960

Mr. Allen Dulles, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

I have the impression that you are always interested in the views of others, even though the value of such views may not be immediately apparent.

The current Cuban situation has surprised many Americans. The existence of a Communist state so close to the continental borders of the United States is not comforting, to say the least.

I wish to point out that a situation possibly equal in gravity now exists in Central Africa. A Castro-type state in the Belgian Congo could attract a wide following throughout the African Continent.

May I suggest that if our efforts to sell America

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through our Ethiopian friends are now not being pushed, then those responsible for such decisions — including those of your agency — give careful consideration to an accelerated program of this nature?

It appears regrettable to me that the native peoples of the world have only two choices:

- 1) the traditional colonial-type government which they have known for so many years.
- 2) communism

Can there not be a third choice? a plan of positive action by our country?

A precedent exists in our history for such a program. That is, the American Administration of the Philippines.

The Philippine Government was set up as a sort of apprentice democracy. After the native peoples there had learned the functions of a democratic republic, they were cut loose from us.

Most important of all, however, was the psychological value of setting a definite date for independence in advance (providing a goal) and the establishment of American protection for the fledgling government

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until it was sufficiently strong to control itself
and to protect itself from exterior subversion.

Current reports in the press and current televised interviews with American officials seem to indicate that there is no solution at present to the problem of potential risk in offending some of our past, present, or future allies — in the event a positive plan of action is adopted.

In this connection, I would like to present for your consideration a quote from an anonymous Japanese businessman, which I learned while serving in that country with the American Army.

"You Americans worry too much about whether people like you. You must remember that if you are bad, many people will dislike you because you are bad. If you are good, then many people will dislike you because you are good. No person can have everyone as his friend."

In closing, let me again express my concern that Communist gains may well continue unless a positive plan of action — backed up by our economic and military strength — is soon adopted.

Yours very truly,

Robert F. McKernie

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